(2) Police Constable, Makkar, and another Police officer of Kunnamkulam whose name has not been given in the petition.

374. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state that in the course of an enquiry into the petition received from Mr. Mandokkara Authony, dated 9th Kanni 1104:—

(1) whether it was found out that a woman belonging to another religion was kept by a Police officer in his house or of his relations or under his or their charge at or near Kunnamkulam; and if so, who is this Police officer;

(2) whether the full reports of the enquiry will be placed on the Table?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes; in Police Constable Makkar's home.

(2) Vide answer to part (4) of question No. 371.

375. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the people of Kunnamkulam petitioned to the Diwan, Police Commissioner and the District Magistrate or to any one of them on 12th Kanni 1104 against some of the Police officers of the place alleging that a stranded woman was being kept by them and that she has delivered apparently without a husband;

(2) who are the Police officers against whom this petition was submitted;

(3) whether it is stated in the course of the petition "if the Police officer has been bold to do this in some of the most crowded towns of the Cochin State in regard to a matter of the utmost sanctity to mankind, we have a right to ask what he may not do. Rumours there are of several acts he has done but police power always prevents them from crystallising. We have only to submit that what has come to light is sufficient to take disciplinary measures against the Police officer and the constable, and we request that these two who were bold enough to practise such iniquity in the heart of the town may not be allowed to rule over it any more";

(4) whether any enquiry has been conducted or any action has been taken with reference to this petition; and if so, what is it;

(5) whether the above petition and the orders passed thereon will be placed on the Table;

(6) whether the officers against whom this petition has been submitted are still stationed at Kunnamkulam?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Sub-Inspector Hamid Khan and Police Constable

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(3) Yes.

(4) Enquiry was conducted. No action was taken as the matter related to the Sub-Inspector's private life.

(5) Vide answer to part (2), question 372.

(6) No.

376. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) that a petition has been received by the Police Commissioner, dated 20th Kanni 1104, from Mr. Narayanan Sreedharan Nambudiri of Kuzhuppilli Illam, Penganmukku Desom of Kattakampal Village, complaining against the Sub-Inspector of Police at Kunnamkulam;

(b) what is the allegation contained in the petition;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted with reference to the petition; and if so, whether a copy of the enquiry report will be placed on the Table;

(d) whether the petitioner had requested that before the petition was enquired into the Police officer or officers referred to in the petition should be transferred or at least be kept away from the station;

(e) whether this request has been complied with; and if not,

(f) whether a thorough enquiry will be made after transferring the officials referred to;

(g) whether the Government will consider the question of conducting an open enquiry by a committee consisting of two officials and three elected Members of the Legislative Council;

(h) whether the Government have read an article in the "Yogakshemam" dated 27th October 1928 under the caption 'ഭയപ്പെടുത്തി പണംവാങ്ങൽ';

(i) whether it is not stated in the course of the article as follows:—

ഇതുപോലെയുള്ള പലെ കേസ്സുകളും ഇവിടങ്ങളിൽ ഉള്ളതായി പ്രസ്താപമുണ്ട്.

(j) what action has been taken by the Government to find out the truth of this statement;

(k) whether a thorough enquiry will be conducted against the conduct and action of these officers, since their appointment at Kunnamkulam?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Extortion.

(c) The enquiry is not complete.

(d) Yes.

(e) The officer concerned was, since the commencement of the enquiry, placed under suspension.

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